Dear Parents:

We have had a busy and productive beginning of the year and I look forward to a great year. Thank you to all parents who have taken the opportunity to visit your child’s classroom and meet their teacher. I know teachers enjoyed the opportunity to connect with their students’ families.

We are beginning to see students arriving late to school. Our first bell rings at 8:20 and the tardy bell rings at 8:25. When students are late they miss out on valuable instruction. We will be tracking tardies this year. I will be making personal phone calls to parents and asking parents to come in for conferences to discuss how we can ensure that students arrive on time daily. Please help us instill a sense of personal responsibility and help your child arrive on time each day. We appreciate your assistance in getting students to school on time.

Visitors are always welcome at Crismon. We do ask that visitors sign in at the office and receive a visitor’s badge.

Parents are welcome to park out front of the school. Students cannot cross the parking lot unescorted. Parents please walk to your child and escort them across the parking lot. Please use the designated crosswalk directly in front of the office doors to cross. We ask that families not “jump” the wall to access cars parked on the street. Parents are encouraged to use the drive through to drop off and pick up students.

I know that traffic on Medina is a struggle. We are routing our buses on Extension and Meseto to avoid traffic on Medina. Parents PLEASE obey the traffic cones and ensure you are not driving in the parking/bike lane. With your help, we can ensure the safety of all our students and families.

Just an FYI: Mid-term progress reports will go home by September 13, 2018. Parent-teacher conferences will be held following fall break. We hope you all take the opportunity to visit with staff about your child’s progress.

Parents, teachers and students working together brings about student success. Thank you for all you do each day to support teaching and learning.

Sincerely,

Sandi Kuhn
Welcome back students, families and staff. I hope you enjoyed your summer vacation and are ready for a positive learning experience here at Crismon.

I have started classroom presentations and it is my goal to be in every classroom at least once per month teaching positive behavior learning skills. This will help students further develop skills that will guide them to success in the future. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of help in any way. My schedule at Crismon this year is Tuesday, Thursday and every other Friday. On the days I am not here please let the office or the teachers know of concerns and they will pass the information on to. I am thankful for being a part of Crismon and look forward to seeing you this year.

Gary Ingle, Counselor 480-472-4002

What is TITLE I?
Crismon receives additional supplemental funds through a Title I grant from the federal government to provide extra supplementary services for all of our students. Your children will benefit directly or indirectly from this extra help. At Crismon these funds along with other federal resources will be consolidated to support school wide positive changes.

Funds can be used to:
• Hire highly qualified instructional personnel to assist teachers within the classrooms
• Provide training for staff and teachers
• Provide supplemental instructional materials and technology
• Ensure high-quality School wide Programs
• Increase parent involvement participation

Parents Right to Know: Title I School-wide and Title I Target Assistance Programs
Under ESEA Public Law 107, Section 1111.1, districts must notify parents of students attending Title I School-wide and Title I Targeted Assistance Programs that parents may request information on the professional qualifications of the student’s teacher.

The information must state if:
• The teacher meets State Qualifications/licensure requirements,
• The teacher is teaching under an Emergency Teaching Certificate,
• The teacher has a baccalaureate degree
• The child receives services from a paraprofessional and the qualifications of the paraprofessional.
Important: Free and Reduced Lunch Expiration Date

Free or Reduced-price meal benefits based on last year’s application will expire on Thursday, September 20, 2018. If you have not already done so, please submit a NEW 2018-2019 Family Meal Application to the cafeteria before September 20, 2018 or Meal Benefits will Stop and your child will be charged full price for school meals. Applications can be picked up in office or completed online at https://mesamealapplications.mpsaz.org/.

Author Gary Hogg is coming to Crismon!

Parents and Families, Please Join Us!
Thursday, September 20th:
- 6-7pm Parent Workshop—Come learn how to help your child get on the road to writing success.
Friday, September 21th:
- 1:00 pm Grades 4-6 Grand Finale Assembly
- 2:00 pm Grades K-3 Grand Finale Assembly

Look for a personal invite from your child for additional opportunities to join them when Gary comes to work with their class!

We hope to see you at all of these events! There will be a raffle for Mr. Hogg’s books!

From the Health Office:

- Parents of 6th Graders: If your student has not had their 6th grade immunizations yet (Tdap and meningococcal), please get them done ASAP and bring a record of those shots to the health office.
- The health office would like to remind all parents that if your student has had a fever (a temperature of 100.4 or higher), please keep them home. They need to be fever free WITHOUT any fever-reducing medications (Tylenol or Ibuprofen) for 24 hours before they can come back to school.
- Please remind your students to wash their hands often. It’s the best way to keep from spreading germs.

Thanks for helping us keep all of our students healthy and happy!

Date to Remember

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We have some new friendly faces at Crismon:
- Stephanie Buehler - Kinder IA/Playground
- Gilbert Clauschee - K-2 GUS IA
- Addi Frazier - Kinder IA
- Abraham Garcia - Music
- Colleen Glock - MIT IA
- Stephen Lozano - Playground/Crossing
- Brenda Lumm - Sp. Ed. IA/Crossing
- Sonia Preciado - Full time evening custodian

Student Teachers:
- Carlee Hakes - Ramussen
- Jesus Campa - Fairfield

Please welcome them to our Crismon family!
Welcome Back, Crismon Families.

PTO exists to support the goals and needs of our school, create community events where families connect, and to raise money to purchase special items for the school. We are currently working on funding outdoor furniture needs and kicking off a fun year of extracurricular activities and events. Mark your calendar to join us for a meeting or to help at a future event. Contact us at crismonpto@gmail.com if you have questions or want to help!

Join the PTO! Only $10 membership.

Want to Stay in the Know?

- If you are interested in receiving emails to "stay in the know" from PTO, please email them at crismonpto@gmail.com and let them know you would like to be added to their email list. You do not have to be a member to receive emails or volunteer with the PTO.

Attendance Line - Please make sure you are calling promptly to report any tardies or absences at (480) 472-4068. Thank you!

BOX TOPS - We are continuing to collect Box Tops from your favorite qualifying products; earning the class with the most Box Tops each quarter $25 to spend at their discretion!

Beginning of the Year P.E. News

Mrs. Rasmussen and Mr. Fairfield are excited to be teaching Physical Education to your students at Crismon Elementary. This is Mrs. Rasmussen’s 19th year of teaching and Mr. Fairfield’s 24th year being an educator with Mesa Public Schools. We look forward to working with your child/children this year and learning through movement. The beginning of the year P.E. newsletter was sent home with your child/children the second week of school. You can see a copy of this newsletter on Mrs. Rasmussen’s webpage: http://www.mpsaz.org/elempe/staff/sarasmussen

A few reminders for Physical Education class:

- Please remember to have your child dress in athletic shoes on their P.E. days for the best foot protection and traction.

- Please send your child to school with a note or contact the school nurse if they should be excused or restricted from P.E. in any way.

The P.E. Team has two new faces on board this year:

Please read the following to learn a little more about our ASU student teachers joining our PE team this Fall:

Carlee Hakes will be joining the Cougar Physical Education Department this year as a student teacher from ASU. She will be working with Mrs. Rasmussen in promoting physical activity and body movement in all grade levels. Carlee enjoys running, spending time with her husband and family, and staying active outdoors. She may start moving a little slower as the weeks go on because she is expecting her first child in September, but she is determined to work her hardest and learn all she can from Mrs. Rasmussen and the wonderful students at Crismon Elementary.

Jesus Campa has also joined the Crismon Elementary physical education team this Fall. Mr. Campa is a Senior at Arizona State University and is originally from Tucson, Arizona. Mr. Fairfield will be mentoring Mr. Campa through the first semester of the 2018 – 19 School Year. In Mr. Campa’s limited free time, you may find him on the basketball courts, doing his passion for basketball. As the Fall Semester progresses, Mr. Campa is excited to take on more rolls within the Crismon Cougar Community. Go Cougars!

We look forward to instilling a love of activity and sense of well-being for each and every child this school year,

Mrs. Rasmussen, Mr. Fairfield, Mrs. Hakes, and Mr. Campa
Crismon Elementary School
Parent Involvement Policy

Crismon Elementary School values and recognizes the importance of parental involvement in that it supports the advancement of student academic achievement and success in school. Crismon Elementary School invites and encourages parents to be a part of the Crismon learning community by becoming involved in their child’s education.

We will provide the following to all parents:

- We will schedule an annual Title I meeting to explain the program and inform parents of their rights to be involved in the program.
- Offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evenings.
- Involve parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way for the purpose of improving academic achievement.
- We will provide timely information about the Title I program, required school performance profiles, curriculum, student assessments, and proficiency levels that students are expected to meet, in both English and Spanish, as well as provide opportunities for regular meetings, if requested.
- We will provide opportunities for parents to provide input on school-wide plans and projects, as necessary, and we will respond promptly to parent suggestions.
- We will involve parents in planning, reviewing, and improvement of the Title I program at Crismon.
- The Parent Involvement Policy is distributed annually in an understandable and uniform manner in a language parents can understand.

National Parental Involvement Standards

Title I utilizes National Standards specifically addressing parental involvement. The National Standards were used to guide our discussion and planning.

Please see fig. 1

STANDARD 1: Communication

- A school newsletter containing information regarding school events and other information is sent home quarterly.
- Student agendas/homework folders go home daily/weekly.
- Title I Newsletter sent home two times a year.
- Parents will be provided with telephone numbers and email addresses of staff members and the times they are available to take phone calls.
- Surveys will be administered to identify areas of need.
- ConnectEd phone calls about timely school events and news will be used to communicate with parents.
- MPS web page will be updated periodically.
- Newsfeeds may serve as a form of communication between teachers and parents.

STANDARD 2: Parenting

- Parenting Classes are held through Parent University. 

STANDARD 3: Learning at Home

- Teachers, psychologist, and administration will be available to discuss academic and other concerns as needed.
- Kindergarten registration packets give parents information to help their child come to kindergarten ready to learn.
- Interpretive services for teachers and monolingual families are provided at our school.
- Take home reading and/or math materials are given to families in order to foster a supportive home environment.
- “Child Find” Meetings hosted by the Special Education department help inform community members about children with special needs and the educational services offered to them.

STANDARD 4: Volunteering

- Volunteer opportunities are listed in:
  - “Crismon Cougar Chronicle” Newsletter
- Family night events, Title I events, community celebrations, and grade level activities are available for parent participation.
- PTA will provide information about volunteer opportunities at school events.
- The School Improvement Advisory Council has parent representative volunteers.
- Chaperone opportunities for field trips and other class outings are available.

STANDARD 5: Decision Making

- Parent Quality Surveys are distributed for parents to provide input on school improvement.
- SIAC, PTA, and Title I Committee are available for parents to become involved in school decision-making.

STANDARD 6: Collaborating with the Community

- Various groups such as YMCA, Kids Club, and Girl/Boy Scouts bring resources/classes/activities to our campus.
- Community use of facilities after normal school day.
- Student teachers and University Interns provide services to students.
- ASU PE Club involvement on campus.
- Community Guest Speakers present information to our students and staff.

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Stay connected and don’t miss a thing!

How can you be sure you’re receiving important news, updates and information from Crismon Elementary? Stay connected with Mesa Public Schools in a variety of easy ways.

**InfoCenter App to manage communication preferences**
Download the free InfoCenter app for Apple and Android to select what types of messages you want to receive by phone, text or email. Have early release notices texted to your cellphone, newsletters delivered to your email and more — the choice is yours! Make sure your email address is updated in our student database to authenticate the app. Download InfoCenter at [infocenter.schoolmessenger.com](http://infocenter.schoolmessenger.com).

**MPS App for iPhone and Android**
Download the free Mesa Public Schools app for Apple and Android to stay connected on the go. Visit [mpsaz.org/app](http://mpsaz.org/app) for helpful links and step-by-step instructions.

**Text Updates**
To receive text message updates from your school, simply text "yes" to 67587. You will receive the following reply:

*You are registered to receive approximately 3 messages/month, Txt STOP to quit, HELP for help.*

Be sure your school has your cellphone number(s) in our student information database. A maximum of two cellphone numbers per student can be accommodated.

**Parent Portal**
If you haven’t already established your MyMPS Parent Portal account, visit the office to pick up your activation key and follow the step-by-step instructions in the handy brochure, available at [mymps.mpsaz.org](http://mymps.mpsaz.org).

**Social Media**
For up-to-the-minute news, updates and photos from our schools, like or follow Mesa Public Schools on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (@mpsaz).

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